(b) and (c) As per UNESCO'S Regulations, submissions of candidatures for proclamation of 'Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity' are submitted to UNESCO with the agreement of the communities concerned, by:

(i) Government of Member States and of Associate members;

(ii) inter-governmental organization, in consultation with the National Commission for UNESCO of the country concerned; or

(iii) non-governmental organizations (NGOs) having formal relations with UNESCO, in consultation with the National Commission for UNESCO of their country.

Tourism festival at Visakhapatnam

457. DR.Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged the Union Government to consider for a bigger tourism festival at Visakhapatnam during the month of November, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Government of India to organise a programme in a big way at Visakhapatnam and Hyderabad during November, 2001 on the line of International festival of Russia Folk Dances and Singapore Lion Dances through the Indian Council for the Cultural Relations (ICCR).

(c) The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) had organised performances by as may as five visiting foreign

groups in Hyderabad during the last financial year. The suggestion of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh as been duly noted by them and the Council would attempt to schedule performances by visiting foreign group in Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam in the current financial year also.

Financial Assistance to Scholars of Manipur in the Field of Culture

458. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the scholars of Manipur in different fields of culture selected for financial assistance;

(b) the terms and conditions for selecting them for this scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that some renowned scholars who are known to the State of Manipur have been left out; and

(d) if so, whether their cases will be considered?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) A list of candidates awarded scholarships under various cultural fields during the year 2000-2001 under the schme for the grants of Scholarships to young Artists is given in the statement. (*See* below)

(b) The main terms and conditions for selection of artists for award of scholarships during the year 2000-2001 were as follows:

(i) Applicants should be in the age group of 18—35 years as on 1.4.2000.

(ii) Applicants should have undergone a minimum of five years training with their Gurus / Institutions.

(iii) Candidates applying in the field of Visual Arts should have minimum qualification of Bachelor of Fine Arts or equivalent.

(c) and (d) All the Applications received from the eligible candidates for a particular year in response to the advertisement issued in the leading newspapers across the country are placed